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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday,

30th November, 1937.
15th Vrischigam, 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. K. T. Mathew, E. Ikkanda Warriar, R. Viswanathan Chettiar and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Income-tax—Exemption from.

26. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Cochin Government have paid any commission to Dalal and Company for underwriting any Government loan;

(b) whether Dalal and Company have been assessed to incometax;

(c) if so, when the assessment was made and amount realised?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Company is not yet assessed to income-tax. But assessment proceedings are pending.

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(c) The question does not arise in view of the answer given to sub-division (b).

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad).*—May I know, Sir, the amount of commission given to Messrs. Dalal and Company for underwriting?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Rupees 30,000/-.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad).*—With reference to a question I put during the last budget session I had asked a supplementary question to which the President remarked that the Cochin Government are not aware of the payment of any commission and that Hon'ble Members should not make such irresponsible statements. I now humbly ask the Government whether the question put by me was irresponsible as suggested by the President.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Is that a supplementary question?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad).*—In the proceedings it is stated that I have put an irresponsible question. In view of the present answer I ask whether that question was irresponsible.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member himself can draw the inference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know when this amount was paid to Dalal and Company?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—In June 1936.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikkad).*—May I know when the first correspondence between the Government and the company began?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—About April 1936.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the particular passage containing that statement appearing at page 30 of the Proceedings of the last Budget session can find a place in the proceedings in view of the present answer?

Mr. President.—That is not a matter for the Government to answer. It is for the President to decide.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In the light of the observation just now made by the President may I know whether that statement which is now seen to be incorrect should be allowed to continue there?

Mr. President.—Any suggestion put to the President will be considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—In the light of the present answer the question is not an irresponsible one.

Publicity Officer—Duties of.

27. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the nature of the work of the Publicity Officer now;

(2) how many hours does he work on an average now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) The nature of the work of the Publicity Officer has been detailed in the Press Communique dated 20th April 1937, copy of which is appended. *(Appendix I).*

Besides the duties mentioned in the Communique, he has to take out and bring to the notice of the Heads of Departments concerned cuttings of all articles and correspondence appearing in leading newspapers published both within the State and outside relating to important occurrences in the State. In the case of cuttings which deserve to be brought to the notice of the Diwan, he has to translate them into English and submit them for the perusal of the Diwan. He has also been entrusted recently with the work of bringing out a book descriptive of important places and institutions in the State for the guidance of tourists.

(2) He works during the usual office hours—from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The Member who has sent this question is absent and since there are 4 or 5 questions standing in his name other Members may be allowed to put supplementary questions.

Mr. President.—The Member should have authorised other Members to ask the questions. Anyhow I do not mind allowing you to put supplementary questions on these as a special case.

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